The Single Eye

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Matt.6:22 If, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

The eye has always attracted my attention. The window of the soul. The revealer of character. It tells the physician what the patient cant put in words. Dreamy, penetrating, shifting, steady, cold and calculating, warm and sympathetic, etc.

The great eye at Stanford. Dr.Coats' use of the word in prayer. Our text, read.

THE SINGLENESS OF THE EYES A MATTER OF FOCUS.

1. My reflector of many mirrirs, set at many angles. The many rays of light coming from different angles are blended into one steady even light of wnderful brilliancy, and power. Human life has its many reflectors by means of which God's light is made to shine in the world. There is the intellectual, the emotional, the artistic, the esthetic, the social, the political, the commercial, and a hundred otyer angles of reflection.

The problem of human life is to bring all the various angles of ~~reflection~~ life into one steady illuminating whole, blending the many rays of light into a perfect focus. This is what Jesus meant when he said, "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. The single eye is the life which has all its angle of vision co-ordinated into a perfect harmony.

The curse of the world is in its many rays of light that ae not focussed. Many brilliant lights in the world are failures because they are out of fucus with the rest of life. Some have spiritual vision but are not practical, some have keen intellectual power but no strong heart light, others have esthetic genius of one kind or another but no moral sense.

The double vision is confusing and fails. The drunk drunken man who sees double. The base-ball player who saw three balls and three bats.

When one ray of light within us becomes so strong as to put all other rays out of focus then we are most unfortunate indeed. Jesus said,"If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

II. The single eye presents to us the beauty and power of a life that is perfectly "balanced", harmonized in all of its parts.

"But now are they many members but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of thee. Nay, much rather those members of the body which seem to be more feeble, are necessary; and those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abujdant honor: and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness; whereas our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in the body; but that members should have the same care one for another."

1. A balanced mind. Sound judgment. Looking at the truth from many angles but brot into a harmonious whole.

2. A balanced heart. No double standard. Sound. Sincere. Origin of word "sincere" without wax.

3. A balanced character. Sane and sound. Substantial and strong. Attractive and beautiful.

III. How this balance of life, this single eye can be attained. THRU JESUS CHRIST.

1. Self-mastery thru Christ. "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Power- personal power thru Christ. /Through/ I can do all things thru Christ who strengtheneth me."

3. Poise and peace. "Being therefore justified by faith we have peace with God thru our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jesus is the one perfect example of the single eye, the one life in true adjustment, the one person in full harmony with God and man.

Christ is our greatest of all eye specialists. Whosoever will may come to him. He is sincere. Without money and without price. Dr. Meekem sincere because he refused to accept one cent for his treatment.